

TOWN OF

TIVERTON RHODE ISLAND

HARBOR COMMISSION

343 HIGHLAND ROAD
TIVERTON RHODE ISLAND 02878

MINUTES OF MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2009

This was a regular meeting of the Harbor Commission, but was held at Town Hall, just prior to a regular Town Council Meeting.

Members present were: John McEwing, Chairman; David Stewart, Vice-Chairman, Harris Gruber, Secretary, Roger Winiarski, Frank diMauro, and Bruce Cox; also Harbormaster Dave Vannier and Assistant Harbormaster Chip Reuther.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John McEwing at 6:30 PM.

Minutes of the 11/2 and 11/19 were accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE -

1 – A notarized letter was received from one James ?Semmons?, owner of a 39' Ericson sloop, which had been moored in the Tiverton Basin for a number of years, and apparently visited or used only infrequently by Mr. Semmons. Comments from members and resident Charlie Smith seemed to confirm that the vessel was suffering from neglect over the years.

Mr. Semmons declared that he wished to donate the vessel to the ?Harbor Commission?, if we would take it off his hands. Apparently, Mr. and Mrs. Semmons had divorced some time ago and Mr. Semmons retained ownership of the boat, though he was presently residing in Florida.

Discussion ensued, mostly skeptical of such a move. No conclusion reached.

NEW CONSTRUCTION – No report

OLD BUSINESS -

1 – Sakonnet River Bridge Meeting was held on November 10 at 3PM. See press

report for details. Noted: Evans Avenue paving has been completed.

2 – Reviewed presentation of new mooring rate structure and new mooring status regulations to be presented at the Town Council meeting this evening.

NEW BUSINESS -

1 – Harris Gruber brought up the status of the Stone Bridge abutment and its stability, protecting the Tiverton Basin as a harbor entity, in addition to preserving the value of residential and commercial property along the Tiverton shoreline, within the Basin, in the event of a severe storm further degrading or destroying the remaining structure.

HG was appointed point person to gather information about current status.

2 -Next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2010.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT -

1 – The Harbor Patrol boat was hauled on November 27th, presently at Standish Boat Yard, will probably store at his home for the winter.

2 - Total patrol hours for 2009 season: 284 vs ?89? for all of 2008.

3 – Mooring applications for the 2010 season are ready to be mailed, pending TC approval of new rate structure.

4 – Not requiring stickers on boats and mooring balls, beginning 2010, just mooring number and weight of mooring device.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted - Harris Gruber, Secretary